



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, '08.

**Solomon Chooses Wisdom**  
Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 6, 1908  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—1 Kings 3:1-13. Memory Verses, 3:1, 11.  
GOLDEN TEXT.—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Prov. 9:10.

TIME.—About 15 to 20 min. The early part of Solomon's reign.

PLACE.—Gibeon, a sacred place five or six miles northwest of Jerusalem, where the tabernacle had been erected for a time, and with its buildings had been a center of religious worship.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.  
In Joel (2:28, 29) there is a prophecy quoted in the Acts (2:17-18) that "your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Visions and dreams bring before us the ideals and possibilities which we can press forward to make real and true. The whole church should keep before her the vision of a perfect church and a perfect world, the city of God.

How Solomon Reasoned Out His Decision.—V. 3. Solomon, before deciding what to choose, carefully considered his circumstances and needs, thus showing that well-balanced mind on which it was possible to bestow the gift of wisdom.

First Consideration.—The memory of what God had done for his father was a motive for walking in the same ways, receiving the same favor, and carrying out to perfect fulfillment what his father had begun.

Second Consideration.—His work was laid upon him by God. Solomon had not sought the place as did Abraham and Adonijah.

V. 7. "Thou hast made thy servant king." The fact that God has put a man in any position of trust or duty creates an obligation to fulfill the trust and perform the duty.

Third Consideration.—His youth and inexperience. "And I am but a little child." He was young and inexperienced compared with his father, who came to the throne after a youth of activity, and ten or twelve years of special training and seven more as king over a small kingdom. "I know not how to go out or come in." This expression is proverbial for the active conduct of affairs. See Num. 27:17; Deut. 28:6; 1 Sam. 18:13. This was a strong reason for asking of God the things he desired to ask.

Fourth Consideration.—The greatness of the work to be done. V. 8. "Thy servant is in the midst of thy people." That is, he is set over them as a king. They were a turbulent people, often going astray, often contending with each other, with strong wills and an impulsive temperament. Probably there was a strong party opposed to him, and brothers of full age ready to lead it. "Which thou hast chosen." It was not only a great nation, but the nation chosen to represent God before the world and carry out his kingdom and teach the world his truths. All this was a far greater responsibility than the ruling of an ordinary kingdom. "A great people, that cannot be numbered." This was a common and natural expression for a large number. See Gen. 13:18. From the number of men given in 2 Sam. 24:9 and 1 Chron. 21:5, it is inferred that the population was about 6,000,000. It would have been very difficult in those days to get the exact number of the people.

Solomon Chooses Wisdom.—V. 9. "Give therefore." In view of all the above considerations, and because God had the gifts in vast abundance, and he alone was the source and fountain thereof. "An understanding heart." Wisdom for the administration of his duties, wise principles, and wisdom in the application of them to the nation.

V. 10. "And the speech pleased the Lord." Why? (1) It was right. (2) It rendered it possible for God to give him large measures of the best things in all the universe. (3) It furnished an opportunity to give many other things. God loves to give. He gives us all we can beneficially receive. The more he can give us, the better he is pleased.

V. 11. "Because thou hast . . . not asked for thyself." The selfish man cannot receive the gifts God gave to Solomon, and he ought not to receive what he selfishly asks for himself. Selfishness is of hell, not of heaven, and bears the blossoms and fruits of the place to which it belongs.

Note that the religious, unselfish life is the essential condition on which the best earthly gifts can safely be bestowed. The spiritual city of God must come before it is possible or safe to have the outward glories and riches and pleasures which are the fruit of the perfect spiritual life.

Just as fast and as far as society becomes Christianized throughout, so far will it be able to work out the most helpful things which the laws of nature and the will of man can produce.

The world has been deprived of the best worldly conditions possible, because it was not safe to entrust all these forces and powers to selfish men, and to a community whose ignorance and vice are unrestrained.

But just as far as any nation becomes Christianized are all these things added to them.

He Gained the Blessing He Asked For.—He became very wise in

many directions, his organizations, commerce, fortifications, temple, palaces, waterworks, literature, his wide-extended kingdom, his ability to keep the nation at peace internally and with surrounding nations, are proof of his wisdom.

## WRAP FOR WINTER

DRESSY GARMENT THAT CAN BE MADE AT HOME.

Saving of Some Few Dollars Easily Accomplished, and Costume Will Look Well Throughout the Season.

When the family purse is looking a trifle slim, the problem of the winter wrap is always doubly serious. "What is the best investment for a semi-dressy wrap this season?" writes our correspondent.

"I have looked in all the shops for a reasonably priced coat," writes another, "and I can find nothing I would have under \$30. I simply cannot pay this price, and as I am handy with both machine and needle do you not



Simple Semi-Fitted Coat.

think I could do better than this by making the coat at home?"

These two questions are worth answering in detail.

Certainly the best investment for a semi-dressy wrap, which can be worn over a number of one-piece or two-piece dresses to church, calling, receptions and perhaps even to the theater or evening function over an evening gown, is something long, simple and inconspicuous.

The separate wrap is, above all things, long and graceful. Simplicity of design is less apt to attract attention and prove that its wearer has but one good out-door wrap than the more pronounced patterns, loaded with trimmings.

Next to black broadcloth comes velvet, and this is particularly effective over silk or broadcloth suits. It is not so good, however, over coarse cloth mixtures. Silk wraps are never a good investment for women who must use one coat or cloak very hard during an entire season, and neither is silk a warm enough fabric for the average climate in this country.

So much for the first question. Now for the second.

The success of making an outer garment at home depends upon two things—the tailoring ability of the home sewer and the quality of the fabric employed. The woman who imagines that she can cut the price of a \$70 garment in two by making it at home is greatly mistaken.

She will do wonderfully well if she gets it for \$20. This \$10 saving does not represent the retailer's profit by any means, because the retailer pays for the wholesaler's labor and "style."

Say you wish to duplicate a black broadcloth wrap trimmed with heavy silk braid and ornaments. Just what will it cost? For a coat in two-thirds or three-fourths length you will require at least four yards of broadcloth 52 inches wide.

If you are very tall and you use the full-length sleeve now in favor, you may require even more, according to the pattern selected. This will cost \$10. Your lining, in quality of satin which will wear, will cost you at least six dollars more, for it does not pay to use silky satin for lining, and taffeta is little used in coat linings this year. Add to this at least five dollars for findings, cords, braid, buttons, etc., and some outside tailoring which is absolutely essential to the correct fit and set of the garment.

So, you see, without your time and labor, you will invest at least \$21, showing a saving of nine dollars on the investment. And to make this a real satisfactory saving you must exercise great care in the tailoring and finish of the garment.

A novelty in lining for wraps to be used for dressy wear is the white, pale gray or delicate mode lining, which will not soil light frocks, run to the waist line only, and then the tails of the long coat or wrap are lined with self-tone.

For instance, a black broadcloth wrap to be worn with light waists or frocks will be lined through the sleeves and waist sections with white satin and the tails with black satin.

Heaviness is the general attribute of the up-to-date wrap, as will be seen by referring to today's illustrations, copied from . . . of the latest wraps on exhibition at the fall openings.

In all the wraps . . . here is the sweetest of the planet—Darius's term.

## DAINTY QUILTS OF DOWN.

Elaborate Ornamentation a Feature of Modern Bed Coverings.

Although the edict of up-to-date hygienic science against the feather bed prevents the modern woman from enjoying the luxury of sinking into a bed of down, yet she may at least slumber beneath a coverlet of the soft feathers, for despite the vogue of blankets the down quilt continues to hold its own in the fashionable boudoir.

This season an attempt is being made to get away from the stereotyped patterns of materials which have been used for covering these quilts for so many seasons. It is doubtful whether anything will be found prettier than the flowered satins, satens and silkolines, with their huge bunches of plaid, blue or yellow blossoms and green leaves. Plain satins are being used for many of the new quilts, one of ivory satin beautifully quilted being an attractive addition to a luxurious bedroom. Another new style of quilt has two colors of plain satin used for its covering, the quilt being tufted with narrow ribbon. The center of one quilt was of white broadcloth satin with a broad band of lavender satin quilted for a border. The other quilt was tufted with tiny lavender ribbons. Another quilt was covered in the center with a white striped silk having an old-fashioned design of palm leaves. There was a broad band of blue satin for a border and outside of this a band of the palm leaf silk.

## ARMLETS OF GOLD OR SILVER.

Metal Circlets to Be a Feature of the Winter's Fashions.

Armllets will be in vogue this season and they will be an entirely new fashion. By this it is meant the simple band of black velvet which every now and then becomes stylish, but the metal circlet of classic origin worn by all women of martial aspirations in olden days, from Boadicea to Brunhilde, and which at times in the modern period has been affected by belles of all countries. The new, or, rather, revived, armllet comes in gold, silver, platinum and copper. When of the last-named metal, it is lined with velvet to protect the flesh; but if made of any of the first three it is worn next the skin. It is a broad band of the plain metal. Not a single jewel must be set in its gleaming surface must clasp the arm midway of shoulder and elbow. Of course, only the woman with a rounded arm can wear it. It is out of the question for a woman whose biceps are either lumpy or flat. But on a well-rounded arm it is a thing of beauty, and, carrying critics to the contrary notwithstanding, there are many women in New York so equipped.

## CAPUCHIN AND CLOAK.



Of Ivory satin edged with plaited lace, with a cluster of white marguerites.

Ways to Alter Skirts.

In making garments for girls it is always important to arrange for lengthening the same.

First—One of the usual methods is to have a series of tucks at the hem. This is somewhat of a trimming and later proves convenient by letting out the tucks, one or more, as is required.

Second—If the dress or skirt is plain the hem may be let down and a facing put under.

Third—If number two does not give sufficient length, then instead of facing when letting out the hem add an extension hem that will give the necessary length, being careful to match the design if there is any in the material. A row of feather-stitching may be made over the joining or a finishing braid may be placed over it.

Fourth—Several rows of insertion may be set in near the bottom of the skirt.

Fifth—For girls a little older, a circular or pointed yoke may be put in at the top of the skirt.

To Remove Knots.

If a loop forms on the thread when hemming or overhanding, hold the thread firmly as it comes from the material, put the needle into the loop, the thread on tension, and the loop will disappear; remove the needle, pass the thread through the fingers from the material toward the needle, and the knot will be removed, and you have been spared much annoyance and perhaps breaking your thread. Always hold the thread firmly at the material.

Black and Green.

The dead black coat suit has returned to its own. It will not be left alone, however, as the triple revers and cuffs on it will be of the brightest apple green. Some tailors go so far as to add a three-inch shaded band of green on the skirt. It is prettier without it.

Both Are Needed.

The practical man and the visionary will never agree with each other, and yet each is needed to make the world move.—Dallas News.

Something of a Hill.

The greatest altitude in Pennsylvania is Blue Knob, being 3,136 feet above the sea.

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Lightning Strikes a Pen.

A clerk in a Liverpool (Eng.) office was sitting at his desk during a recent thunderstorm, when what he describes as a ball of flame struck the pen in his hand, producing a startling report. Curiously enough, the pen was not damaged, nor did the clerk himself suffer any injury.

Old Heads on Young Shoulders.

Our children are growing more independent. It is not the fault of the parents nor of the children; we are not careless, and they are not ungrateful. The conditions of life are responsible for the modern "youth."—Famillien Zeitung, Vienna.

Lessons from Good Books.

A man is known by the company his mind keeps. To live continually with noble books, with "high erected thoughts seated in the mind of courtesy," teaches the soul good manners.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

Have Queer Belief.

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Lucinda S. Daggett, Plaintiff.

against Addie S. Long, Charles S. Long, her husband, and Cassander N. Sellers, their attorney in fact, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is for specific performance of a Contract, and to compel the defendants Addie S. Long and Charles S. Long to execute and deliver to the purchaser Lucinda S. Daggett, a good and sufficient deed conveying all of their right, title and interest in that parcel of land with the improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Richmond, Va., fronting on Williams St. twenty feet, and running back between parallel lines one hundred and thirty feet, the same being an undivided interest in the real estate of which George W. Daggett died intestate, seized and possessed.

And affidavit having been made and filed that the defendants Addie S. Long, Charles S. Long, her husband, and Cassander N. Sellers, their attorney in fact are not residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do whatsoever is necessary to protect their interest herein. A Copy—Teste:

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